

Appln No. 10/774,750
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are in in the present application, of which claim 1 is independent. Claims 19-20 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended herein. No new matter has been added.

I. Informal Telephone Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the time and courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney Norman T. Lee (Reg. No. 58,941) during the informal telephone interview of July 18, 2007. During the interview, an amendment to allowed claim 1 was discussed. In more detail, claim 1 has been amended to recite: "...wherein the protrusions form a barrier configured to receive misdirected electrons of the electrons emitted from the electron emission assembly to hinder the misdirected electrons from hitting an unintended portion of the illumination assembly." (Emphasis added.) Support for the amendment can be found, for example, on page 4, lines 13-17, of Applicants' specification. An agreement was reached that the amendment to the allowed claim 1, which is not related to patentability, is acceptable. As such, it is believed that no search or further consideration is required.

II. Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 21 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/807,916.

Because claims 19-20 have been cancelled, the rejections of these claims are rendered moot.

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III. Concluding Remarks

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-18 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is cordially invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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